IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

BILLY T. GATEWOOD : CIVIL ACTION

v. :

JOHN THOMAS, et al : NO. 07-2746

ORDER

AND NOW, this 14th day of January, 2008, upon consideration of the petition for a writ of habeas corpus, and review of the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Timothy R. Rice and petitioner's objections thereto, it is ORDERED that:

- 1. The Report and Recommendation is APPROVED and ADOPTED.
- 2. The petition for a writ of habeas corpus is DENIED with prejudice.
- 3. There is no probable cause to issue a certificate of appealability.
- 4. The Clerk of Court shall mark this case closed for statistical purposes.

s/Thomas N. O'Neill, Jr.
THOMAS N. O'NEILL, JR., J.